THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b) Requests have been received from the Government of Gujarat for linking the TV transmitters in Gujarat including the one at Rajkot, to Doordarshan Kendra, Ahmedabad for relay of regional service programmes.

(c) A Satellite-derived regional TV service was initially planned to be introduced in the State on availability of space segment during INSAT —II time frame i.e. between 1993-95. However, with a view to catering to Gujarat's requirements as expeditiously as possibles arrangements have been made to introduce this service in an earlier time frame. As per the present indications, the regional TV service in the State is envisaged to be introduced some time during the later half of 1992.

Cricket Commentary on T.V. and A.I.R.

2429. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Governments consideration to abandon T.V. telecast and commentary of cricket matches on All India Radio;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Sports programmes including commentary/live telecast have been an integral part of the programme content of All India Radio/Doordarshan. These continue to be well received by the listeners/viewers.

दूरदर्शन पर उर्दू समाचारों का प्रसारण

2430. **श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ मोम अफजल** : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या दूरदर्शन पर उर्दू में समाचार प्रसारित किये जाने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसे कब तक आरम्भ कर दिये जाने की संभावना है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (कुमारी गिरिजा व्यास) : (क) जनसांख्यिकीय स्वरूप (डेमोग्राफिक पैटर्न), प्रसारण समय, संसाधनों और जन शक्ति की तंगी जैसे विभिन्न कारणों से दिल्ली दूरदर्शन से उर्दू समाचार बुलेटिनों का प्रसारण संभव नहीं पाया गया है ।

(ख) यह सवाल पैदा ही नहीं होता ।

Identifying Public Sector to Prune the work Force

2431. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified some public sector units for prunning the work force;

(b) if so, the details of those public sector units; and

(c) the details of the number of employees in those units going to be retrenched?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) No. Sir. Requirement of work force is to be continuously monitored by the managements of the concerned public enterprises.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.